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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

EO 11652: ADS (DECLAS UPON ANNOUNCEMENT BY INDIAN GOVERNMENT)
TAGS: PDIP IN
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT: AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO WASHINGTON
N. A. PALKHIVALA

1. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLED IN THE AMBASSADOR ON AUGUST 18 TO REQUEST AGREEMENT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF NANI ARDESHIR PALKHIVALA AS AMBASSADOR TO THE US. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID THAT THE GOI EXPECTED THAT PALKHIVALA WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON BY SEPTEMBER 20. THEY STRONGLY HOPE THAT IT CAN BE ARRANGED FOR HIM TO PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS QUICKLY AND MAKE CALLS THEREAFTER SO THAT HE MAY ASSIST DURING THE VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER VAJPAYEE IN LATE SEPTEMBER AND THE PRIME MINISTER THE FOLLOWING MONTH.

2. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO THE AMBASSADOR: BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS IT COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN NEW DELHI AND HAS THE HONOUR TO STATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA PROPOSES TO APPOINT SRI N.A. PALKHIVALA AS THE AMBAYGADOR OF INDIA
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TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN SUCCESSION TO SHRI KEWAL SINGH. AS SHRI N. A. PALKHIVALA IS EXPECTED TO TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT SHORTLY, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF AGREEMENT FOR HIS APPOINTMENT COULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY ACCORDED. (PARA) THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED

STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURENCES OF ITS HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.

3. ATTACHED TO THE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTRY
NOTE WAS THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
CONCERNING NANI AFDESHIR PALKHIVALA. BEGIN BIOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION:

BORN: JANUARY 16, 1920; EDUCATION: M. A. LITERATURE)
FROM ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE AND LLB FROM GOVERNMENT
LAW COLLEGE, BOMBAY. SENIOR ADVOCATE OF SUPREME
COURT OF INDIA. MEMBER, FIRST AND SECOND LAW
COMMISSIONS. OTHER APPOINTMENTS: CHAIRMAN, ACC LTD.;
INDIAN RESORT HOTELS LTD.; DY. CHAIRMAN,
TATA IRON AND STEEL CO. LTD.; VICE CHAIRMAN
TATA ENGINEERING AND LOCOMOTIVE CO. LTD.; HIHE
ASSOCIATED BEARING CO. LTD.; DIRECTOR, TATA
INDUSTRIES PVT. LTD.; TATA SONS PVT. LTD.;
INDUSTRIAL CREDIT AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD.;
TATA HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY CO. LTD.; NATIONAL
ORGANIC CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.; ETC. HE IS ALSO
CHAIRMAN OF THE INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL BAR
ASSOCIATION. - D. SHROFF MEMORIAL TRUST, LOTUS
TRUST; PRESIDENT, FORUM OF FREE ENTERPRISE AND
CHAIRMAN AND TRUSTEE OF A NUMBER OF CHARITABLE
TRUSTS. PUBLICATIONS: JOINT AUTHOR OF "LAW AND
PRACTICE OF INCOME TAX" AND "TAXATION IN INDIA:
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(HARVARD UNIVERSITY, USA)"; AUTHOR OF "THE HIGHEST
TAXED NATION" (1965). END TEXT.

4. COMMENT: PALKHIVALA IS A DISTINGUISHED LAWYER,
INTELLECTUAL, POLITICAL ECONOMIST AND CHAMPION
OF CIVIL LIBERTIES WHOSE VIEWS REFLECT THOSE OF
THE NEW GOVERNMENT. WE WILL TRANSMIT ADDITIONAL
BIOGRAPHIC DATA IN SEPARATE MESSAGE.

5. CONSIDERING THE HEAVY INFLUX OF SENIOR INDIAN
VISITORS TO WASHINGTON IN THE EARLY FUTURE
AND PALKHIVALA'S CONSEQUENT NEED TO GET ON THE
JOB RAPIDLY, WE HOPE THAT AGREEMENT CAN BE GRANTED
SOON AND THAT THE INDIAN REQUEST FOR A PROMPT
CREDENTIALS CEREMONY CAN BE GRANTED. THE INDIANS
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY QUICK IN REGARD TO
AGREEMENT AND CREDENTIALS CEREMONIES FOR AMERICAN
AMBASSADORS TO NEW DELHI.
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